



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 6

PRESIDENT TAFT sent his annual message to Congress today. It is more than a "Henry A. Wise document," as it is a ninety-four page pamphlet. The bulk of the message is simply a review of the condition of the country as well as the world at large. The following excerpts are about the only portions of the voluminous document of interest to people living in this section of the country:

There are entirely too many customs districts and too many customs collectors. These districts should be consolidated and the collectors should be reduced in number. The collection of duties should be abolished or treated as mere branch offices, in accordance with the plan of the Treasury Department, which will be presented for the consideration of Congress. As an illustration, the cost of collecting \$1 of revenue at typical small ports like the port of York, Me., was \$50.04. At the port of Annapolis, Md., it cost \$209.41 to collect \$1 of revenue; at Natchez, \$52.76; at Alexandria, Va., \$122.43.

I have already in communications to Congress referred to the importance of acquiring for the District of Columbia at least a part of the territory on the other side of the Potomac in Virginia which was originally granted for the District by the state of Virginia and then was retroceded by act of Congress in 1846. It is very evident from conferences that I have had with the senators and representatives from Virginia that there is no hope of a retroceding by the state of the land thus given back; and I am frank to say that in so far as the tract includes the town of Alexandria and land remote from the Potomac river there would be no particular advantage in bringing that within national control. But the land which lies along the Potomac river above the railroad bridge and across the Potomac, including Arlington Cemetery, Fort Myer, the government experimental farm, the village of Rosslyn, and the Palisades of the Potomac, reaching to where the District line intersects the river, is very valuable territory and could be admirably utilized for increasing the system of the parks of Washington. It has been suggested to me by the same Virginia senators and representatives that if the government were to acquire for a government park the land above described, which is not of very great value, the present law of Virginia would itself work the creation of federal jurisdiction over it, and if that were not complete enough, the legislature of Virginia would in all probability so enlarge the jurisdiction as to enable Congress to include it within the control of the government of the District of Columbia and actually make it a part of Washington. I earnestly recommend that steps be taken to carry out this plan.

The retrocession paragraph in the message is as the echo of a note of the dying swan. Retrocession was never regarded seriously by the great majority when the fever was at its height. Now that the republicans are suffering from a serious setback and a democratic House of Representatives will soon be in evidence, the prospect of any further despoilment of Virginia is remote indeed.

IGNORANT of the fate that awaits his father, Willie Smyth, 8 years old, who was the principal witness against J. J. Smyth for killing his wife and children in Norfolk, has written a letter to Santa Claus and put it in the hands of Chief of Police Kizer to mail. The boy's father will be electrocuted at the penitentiary on Thursday, the governor having declined to interfere. When the letter of the little boy was read at police headquarters there was more than one wet eye. In his letter the little boy says he wants a Mexican suit, a sword, a gun, a drum, a stuffed rabbit, a man doll and airship, a stocking full of candy, nuts and apples and oranges.

In his letter to Col. L. M. Ullman, president of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce Theodore Roosevelt states that his address at the dinner of that body on Tuesday evening of next week will be in the nature of a survey of the recent elections in the country. He will also include a prospective view of current political events. Years ago when the news of a democratic setback was received in Alexandria, the following epigrammatic announcement was made by a prominent member of the minority party: "Everything gone to—Particulars unnecessary." Roosevelt could say all that is necessary in the above words.

WHEN arraigned before Magistrate Beaton in Philadelphia Sunday morning, Ludwig Ivinich admitted having given his wife a severe beating and in justification declared he had been forced to eat cabbage twenty-one times during the past week. Ludwig said he wanted pea soup once in a while, but his wife insisted upon the cabbage diet. When it wasn't cabbage straight it was sauerkraut, and when it wasn't sauerkraut it was boiled cabbage. After eating twenty meals Ludwig rebelled at

supper Saturday night when fried cabbage was served, and spanked his wife. Magistrate Beaton assured Ludwig he would get pea soup for the next four weeks. This is the regulation diet in prison.

T. J. BURNS, a well-known electrical contractor of Lynchburg, yesterday cleared up the mystery surrounding the bullet which was fired into the office of the Anti-Saloon League in Lynchburg Sunday afternoon, and which would have killed Rev. J. D. McAlister had he been at his desk. Burns stated he was repairing a revolver and the cartridge was accidentally discharged. He paid no attention to the matter, for he did not dream until yesterday afternoon that the bullet had passed through the door. As soon as he ascertained the ball had gone into the building across the alley he notified the police and explained how the thing happened. Thus a sensation has been nipped in the bud.

FROM WASHINGTON

The census office today announced the present enumeration of the following states: Arkansas, 1,574,449; increase, 262,885, or 20 per cent. South Carolina, 1,515,400; increase, 175,084, or 13.1 per cent.

Several hundred recess appointments were sent to the Senate by President Taft today, including the following: Frederick W. Lehmann, of St. Louis, to be solicitor general, and John W. Garrett, of Maryland, to be minister to Venezuela.

When a certain prominent western progressive Senator called at the White House and was ushered into President Taft's office ahead of everyone else, and when the same process was repeated with regard to three prominent House insurgents, Senator Dewey, of New York, one of the staunchest and oldest of stalwarts was moved to soliloquy. "It seems to me," he said, "that these insurgents are on top now. While we of the old guard wait patiently without the presidential sanction, it comes hard to see our friends, the enemy, the progressives, ushered in with a smile and a bow, and take their own sweet time about emerging." When asked about "Lamo Duck Allen," Senator Dewey declared that when one got used to the sensation of being in that inclosure it wasn't bad at all. "But the place isn't half big enough," he said. Despite Dewey's deductions there is a strong belief here that the visits of the insurgents did not result in any establishment of harmonious relations.

Winter is on in earnest today. The southern storm has moved to the Virginia coast with increasing intensity causing high winds all along the Atlantic coast, with heavy snow in the Middle Atlantic States and the Ohio valley as far south as Tennessee. Heavy snow has fallen in northern Alabama. The temperature has also fallen, going as low as ten degrees below zero in the North Atlantic States. The snow will continue, according to the weather bureau, today and tonight in the Middle Atlantic and New England states and in parts of the South Atlantic states. Freezing weather is looked for tonight in the Gulf states with colder weather northward along the coast. Frost is expected in northern Florida. The lowest temperature of the season is reported today from Manitoba, where it is 25 below zero.

President Taft's message to Congress today just equals in length the longest message of his predecessor, Theodore Roosevelt, who held the record of loquacity in state papers. Taft's first message, that to the special tariff session of Congress, was one of the shortest ever sent to Congress by a President of the United States. President Roosevelt's special message of January 31, 1903, is almost exactly as long as that transmitted today by President Taft. Both contain nearly 40,000 words.

An increasingly difficult task is confronting President Taft in his efforts to pick appointees to the Supreme Court of the United States. The Senate progressives, who have the power to tie up nominations to the highest bench, have delivered an ultimatum to the executive that none of the names of those mentioned so far for the places are acceptable to them, except the elevation of Justice Hughes to chief justice. Judge Alexander P. Huntington, of Louisville, is the latest name to be considered. His nomination is a serious consideration from the president as one of his appointees. Justice Hughes is a democrat, and for that reason would be acceptable to the minority party in the Senate, who have protested to the Executive that some representative of their party should be on the bench. He is a prominent lawyer, and when Taft became president, was asked to become secretary of war, but refused. He has strong backing for the Supreme Court. Later in the day the president talked over candidates with Justice Lurton of the Supreme Court.

With the receipt at the Treasury Department of information that smugglers from Europe are now operating in Canada, orders went forth today calling for a reform in customs collection on the Canadian border, and an investigation of alleged tax methods there has been instituted. Chief of the Secret Service Wikie, who is engaged in reorganizing the customs secret service has been called in by the customs officials in regard to the Canadian situation, and he will undertake to find the "leaks," which according to information that has come to the department are threatening to offset the work of Collector Loeb in New York, and the customs officials in the other Atlantic seaports of the United States.

With the testimony of a single witness the investigation of the charge that money was used in the election of Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, conducted by a Senate committee will come to an end. Representative Wilson, of the Illinois legislature, who was alleged to have figured in the division of the legislative "jackpot," in St. Louis, will be questioned by the committee. Wilson is vigorous in his denial that he had anything to do with the "jackpot." After the hearing the committee will begin the work of preparing their report.

Once comfortably well-to-do, but now reduced to poverty through his ignorance of the law, Captain H. J. Thompson,

a shipowner of Tacoma, Washington, was pardoned today a few minutes before the expiration of a sixty day sentence in jail. The sentence included a fine of \$100 which is remitted. Captain Thompson was sent to jail for taking his ship out of port contrary to the orders of the government. He had been sued and the parties in the suit intended to levy upon the ship provided they won. Captain Thompson signed over property to an attorney equal as he thought to the value of his ship and then proceeded to leave port. The suit went against him and his property went to meet the damages. The government then ordered his ship sold, tried him on a charge of obstructing judicial process of the United States court, convicted him and sent him to jail. Thompson has a wife and several children. He leaves jail penniless.

Two big rosy apples furnished a peace offering which Champ Clark, (dem., Mo.) minority leader, gave to Speaker Cannon today. Clark sauntered up to the speaker's rostrum soon after the House convened and laid the two apples on the speaker's desk. The speaker grinned and thanked the donor. The apples came from a nursery in Pike county, Missouri. Yesterday Clark took two of them up to President Taft. They are monstrous in size.

United States Marshal Jack Abernathy, of Guthrie, Okla., wolf catcher and personal friend of ex-President Roosevelt, is on his way to Washington to attempt to explain charges filed with the attorney general against him. The charges which he must answer were filed about six weeks ago. They are not criminal but are sufficiently serious to cause the attorney general to have them investigated by a special agent from the Department of Justice. Investigation was concluded last week at which time the attorney general sent a lengthy communication to Abernathy. It was this letter which caused the "wolf catcher" to apply for leave of absence. Abernathy was appointed to his office by Roosevelt whose hunting companion he had been on many occasions. His time expires March 13, 1912. Abernathy is reputed to have once killed a wolf with his hands.

A favorable report was ordered by the House naval committee today on the bill providing for a dental corps in the navy. Notice was given the House today that James Edgar Smith, of Bristol, Tenn., would contest the election in the second Tennessee District of Z. D. Massey. The committee on Elections No. 2, will investigate the contest. The census bureau today gave out the populations of the following Virginia towns: Big Stone Gap, 2,590; Norton, 1,866; Appalachia, 1,090; Gladeville, 806; Coeburn, 645.

Simple Election Expenses. (Special Dispatch to the Gazette.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 6.—Bascom C. Slemmons, successful candidate for Congress against Henry C. Stuart in the Ninth district, filed today his expense account which totals \$7,423. Democrats here smiled when this statement was made public. As a matter of fact in political circles it is the emphatic belief that spent far more than the respective candidates account for. The total is believed to exceed fifty thousand dollars on each side.

Government Expenses. Washington, Dec. 6.—Showing little opportunity for retrenchment in the regular departmental appropriations, the estimates of the Secretary of the Treasury for funds needed to conduct the government for the year ending June 30, 1912 were transmitted to Congress today. The estimates, on which will be based the bills appropriating the departmental budgets, show a total increase over the estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, of \$5,347,668.60.

Besides this increase, the estimates for 1912 omit any provision for the deficiency in postal revenues, which in 1911 estimates was placed at \$10,634,122.63. Only three of the departmental totals as prepared by secretary of the treasury are less than the estimates for 1911. They are the figures for territorial government, decreased \$85,200; the Navy Department decreased \$931,578; and the Interior Department, decrease, \$2,072,307.90.

The executive department estimates—for the White House, the president and vice-president show an increase over \$500,000 more than doubling the 1911 estimate. The Treasury Department shows an increase of a little less than five million, the War Department an increase of about the same amount and the Department of Agriculture an increase of \$1,999,936.

According to the figures of the Secretary of the Treasury the total appropriation based on the estimates of 1911, amount to \$905,294,512.

The estimates for 1912, therefore, if they should be strictly adhered to in the appropriations would show a saving of \$86,879,962 as compared to the appropriations for 1911 but this is not considered likely.

Relief for Sufferers. Paris, Dec. 6.—The government today voted \$1,400,000 for the relief of the flood sufferers throughout France. It is considered inevitable that other heavy appropriations will have to be made as flood conditions generally show no improvement.

Gets \$2,000 For Five Trees. Philadelphia, Nov. 6.—For the destruction of five fine silver maple trees which graced the front of her handsome property on one of the main streets of Merchantville, Mrs. Mary V. Nevin was yesterday given a verdict for \$2,000 damages against the public service corporation in the Circuit Court in Camden.

New York Stock Market. New York, Dec. 6.—A better tone was shown in the stock market at the opening and in the early trading today than at any time for more than a week. The market held firm after the upward movement of the first 15 minutes, trading being fairly active at the higher levels then established.

In the late forenoon the market showed a reactionary tendency and fractional recessionary movement, and in nearly all the usually active issues. The president's message caused a decline in the stock market today.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 6.—The body of Mrs. Mary Baker C. Eddy, dead leader and founder of the Christian Science Church, will be buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, following her funeral Thursday morning, according to announcement by her household party today.

DIED. On Monday, December 5, 1910, at 10:45 a. m., at George Washington University Hospital, Washington, MARY LOCKE, wife of Dr. David N. Rust. Funeral services December 6, at 11 a. m., at Christ Church, Alexandria.

THE English Election. London, Dec. 6.—There is every prospect today that the conservatives will not make a net gain of more than four or five seats in the present general election. But they are already seeking to influence King George against the creation of liberal peers by arguing that even this small gain will show that the country is not ready for the radical measure proposed by the ministry, particularly the abolition of the lord's veto.

On account of his well known Tory sympathies, the fact is increasing that the king will heed the unionists' demand, disregarding what is considered by many a virtual promise to the liberals, thus making imminent a parliamentary deadlock.

At present the returns show 116 conservatives elected, and 87 liberals, 10 Irish nationalists and 14 laborers, or a coalition of 117. As the voting from now on will see the conservatives on the defensive more than in the polling so far conducted, the liberals are expected to throw the balance much more largely in their favor.

The returns so far warrant the prediction that the conservative plurality over the liberal bloc in the next parliament will not be more than four or five. The liberals are claiming to say that they will even maintain their plurality, which in the last parliament was two over the conservatives. Accepting the most sweeping claims of the conservatives, the result will still give the liberals and laborers a majority of about twenty. This means that the Irish will again wield the balance of power.

If the Irish continue their present bellicose attitude toward the lords, there is the wildest conjecture as to what they will do in the event of the king's weakening of the proposal to change the complexion of the upper house by swamping it with liberal peers. They have it in their power to force another early election and to involve the crown in the most serious political controversy that has engaged the throne for decades.

It is the knowledge of this fact by the king that gives rise to the belief in the minds of many liberals—a belief that is not at all general, however—that George will grant the demands of the ministry, make the House of Lords a liberal body and thus insure the speedy grant of home rule to Ireland.

London, Dec. 6.—Today's unopposed elections and the delayed returns from yesterday's polling made the count in the English general elections as follows: Conservatives 123; liberals, 90; Irish nationalists 25; laborites 10; non-partisan (Speaker Lowther) 1. This is a labor gain of one seat and a net conservative gain of three.

The showing is a bitter disappointment to the conservatives, who had freely predicted before the voting began that they would make a net gain of 25. Now it is believed their net gain will not run over five.

Abducted by a Priest, She Says. Utica, N. Y., Dec. 6.—The Rev. Anselm Milnarczyk, formerly pastor of the Polish Catholic Church in this city, but more recently editor of the Spiritual Hammer, a Polish weekly paper that drives tacks into the iniquities of the world, was arrested on a charge of abduction today. The complainant is Stanislas A. Koleta, who charges that the clergyman induced her to come from New York to Utica, and detained her against her will in his home.

The accused entered a plea of not guilty, demanded an examination and was held until December 9 in \$2000. Miss Koleta is an exceptionally handsome girl, 20 years old. She asserts that the clergyman prevailed upon her to come to Utica upon the promise that he had obtained a good position for her here. She was detained in his house she said, but finally ran away and sought a home with a friendly family. The accused denies the charge absolutely.

Alleged Smuggling. New York, Dec. 6.—Balked in their attempt to evade payment of duty on goods purchased abroad by the recent rigorous enforcement of the law at the port of New York, American smugglers are now operating by way of the Canadian border. Positive information to this effect having reached Collector Loeb, he passed it along to the Treasury Department with the result that a wide variety of goods, and it is understood that many arrests are impending. Heretofore inspectors have made but a cursory examination of goods brought from Europe by way of Canada, but from now on it is intended that all baggage will be carefully examined and actual seizures will be the rule instead of, as in the past, the exception.

The big Canadian trans-Atlantic lines have reported an increased passenger business to Montreal and Quebec since the word went forth that hereafter all persons convicted or pleading guilty to smuggling or attempted smuggling in New York would receive prison sentence.

Tetanus Kills Little Girl. Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Six-year-old Rose Brogan, daughter of Philip Brogan, of Washington lane and Sullivan street, Germantown, who was vaccinated on the arm one month ago, died of tetanus Sunday night at the Chestnut Hill Hospital. The father of the girl, who is a gardener employed in east Washington lane, decided to send her to school early in November, and had Dr. John McCloskey, of Chestnut Hill, vaccinate her.

It was on Thanksgiving Day that the arm began to swell, and Dr. McCloskey was called. Symptoms of tetanus developed and the doctor ordered her sent to the hospital on the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day. The mother is prostrated with grief and is under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Eddy's Funeral Thursday. Boston, Mass., Dec. 6.—The body of Mrs. Mary Baker C. Eddy, dead leader and founder of the Christian Science Church, will be buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, following her funeral Thursday morning, according to announcement by her household party today.

Schooner Ashore. Atlantic City, Dec. 6.—The three-masted schooner L. Q. C. Wishart, from Jones River, Va., for New York, is ashore on Little Egg Harbor bar and will probably be a total loss, according to a report from the Little Beach Life-saving station.

The Wishart went ashore Sunday on Brigantine Shoals, a short distance above this city, but floated at high tide last night and proceeded. She had gone only a short distance when she was driven on Little Egg Harbor bar by the heavy wind. The vessel is loaded with railroad ties.

Assistant Attorney General W. E. Bibb, of Virginia, is critically ill.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The population of Berlin was announced yesterday as 8,400,000.

At the first democratic caucus revision of the House rules is to be considered.

A newly discovered rose-colored gem has been named Morganite, after J. Pierpont Morgan.

United States Senator W. A. Clark, has purchased a dinner set costing \$100,000.

Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute, was operated on for appendicitis yesterday.

H. A. Franklin, the male suitor, who attacked Home Secretary Churchill in London, was sentenced to two weeks in jail.

The Duke of Chartres, a grandson of King Louis Philippe of France, died in Paris yesterday. He was 28 years old, and a son of Beverly Marshall. He leaves a widow and two children.

President Taft will deliver the opening address to the 8,000 delegates who will attend the National Rivers and Harbors Congress which opens at the Willard in Washington tomorrow morning. The congress hopes to lay the foundation for a policy based on appropriations of not less than \$50,000,000 annually for the next 10 years.

Gifts amounting to \$186,000 have recently been made to Columbia University, New York, according to an announcement yesterday by the trustees. The giver of the most important sum, one of \$100,000, is anonymous. The gift will be added to the general endowment fund.

The second cotton pool indictment returned by a federal grand jury in August last under seal, was opened yesterday and James A. Patten, Eugene B. Scales and William P. Brown who were named in the paper, appeared before Justice Hough, in New York, and entered tentative pleas of not guilty.

Following the example of the state in the September election, Portland, Maine, went democratic last night, choosing Oakley C. Curtis, democrat, mayor over the incumbent, Charles A. Strout, republican, by 703 votes. The city council, which is now republican, was changed to democratic by 20 to 16.

The Interborough Rapid Transit Company offers to build and equip and to operate under a single fare, extensions of the present New York subway and elevated lines, practically providing for the trolleybus system; the cost to the city for construction is to be \$53,000,000 of a total estimated cost of \$128,000,000 exclusive of \$75,000,000, the estimated cost of equipment, to be borne by the Interborough.

Following a brawl at Lexington, Davidson county, N. C., Sunday, Everett Welborn was shot to death by Clifford Ross. Both were well known white men. Each had wagered \$5 that he could drink the most liquor, and both were intoxicated. At the point of a pistol Ross was forced to disrobe on a back lot in the falling snow. Enraged at this treatment, he fired on Welborn, killing him instantly. Ross surrendered.

Miss Ellen Bell's pet dog Bingo was buried in the back yard of the Bell house in Bridgewater, Mass., Sunday with as much ceremony as marks the funeral of many human beings. A cemetery had refused to allow the burial within its confines. Bingo's body was lowered in the little grave after reading of Scripture, offering of a prayer, and the singing of a religious song. There was genuine grief among the mourners. A tiny tombstone will mark the spot.

"Gracious! If the names of all the big men I have been going out to dinner with become known, there will be a lot of trouble in some homes and business houses. Please don't let them bring out the names in court." This, according to detectives, was the statement and plea made by Helen Crutts Clay Booth, a strikingly pretty brunette of 22 years, when she was arrested in Philadelphia yesterday on a charge of using the names of prominent business men and manufacturers to get valuable furs, clothing and automobile rides.

ROME AT ITS WORST. It is well known that there is in Roman history a period which, from the reputation that it bears, may be well called infamous. This extends from the death of Sulla to the death of Nero, including the end of the republic and the early years of the empire. This period has a very bad reputation; not only is it full of disorder, civil war, scandalous law suits, but nearly all of its most illustrious personages were notoriously vicious, beginning with the most illustrious of them all, Julius Caesar.

All were deep in debt, drunkards, gluttons, spendthrifts; they were dissolute, when not accused outright of giving themselves up to the most degrading pollution. There is no infamy that has not been attributed to them. Only a very few have escaped from this universal censure; and, with the exception of Pompey and Agrippa, those who did not escape were of minor importance. The others were either odious in the extreme, or else depraved like Lucullus, Crassus, Anthony, Augustus, Maecenas, Libertus, Nero—to say nothing of the women of the Claudian line, who, when they were not poisoners outright, were women of evil life, about whom historians tell every kind of horror.—Guglielmo Ferrero, in Atlantic.

FATAL JUMP. Fighting off other girl employees, and with a smile and a whispered "goodby," Adalena Aurora, a seamstress, 22 years old, hung a moment from the ninth story of the Textile building, at Fourth and Elm streets, Cincinnati, yesterday, then dropped to the pavement below.

When Miss Aurora started for the window several other girl employees in the room tried to drag her away. "I must go," cried the girl as she broke from those who were holding her. Then she climbed out of the window. As the others rushed to the window and looked out, she was hanging by her finger tips to the ledge. One girl seized her by the wrists, felt the trembling hands slip from her grasp, heard the murmured "goodby," and saw the smile.

Men who had seen the girl fall picked up the broken body. Life still remained, and she was taken to a hospital, but she will die.

To Walk Across Continent. Boston, Dec. 6.—A walk across the American continent will be attempted by Mildred Belknap, aged 14, a sophomore in the Dorchester High School. She is now in training for the feat, on which she will be accompanied by her father, a postoffice employee. The girl has made many long trips with her father, and expects to be able to do forty miles a day on her trip to San Francisco.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

It is reported that Mr. R. Lindsay Gordon, of Louisiana, has senatorial aspirations and that he is looking over the field with the possible view of announcing his candidacy for the state senate.

The large dry goods firm of the Wood Westbrook Company, incorporated, at Petersburg, was an petitioner of some of the stockholders, placed in the hands of a receiver yesterday.

"Jimmy" Jones, for fifty years one of Norfolk's best known restaurateurs, died yesterday after a long illness. Mr. Jones, which was his adopted name, was a native of Athens, Greece. He leaves a family.

Roy Temple Marshall, member of a well-known Winchester family, died of typhoid pneumonia Saturday night in Covington, Ky., where he was stereotyper on a newspaper. He was 28 years old, and a son of Beverly Marshall. He leaves a widow and two children.

Mrs. Margaret Beale, 92 years old, was yesterday burned to death in Nansemond county, near Holland. Mrs. Jackson Peale, her daughter, returned a few minutes later and found her enveloped in flames. Mrs. Beale died before being able to disclose the cause of the accident.

Staunton's caves are now a thing of the past and traffic was yesterday resumed on the two streets affected. The channel of the 100-foot cavity was arched with 300 cubic feet of concrete and the cavities across the streets were then filled in. The arches rest upon solid rock bases and the streets are believed to be as safe as ever. The cost to the city was \$7,000. Over 350 yards of earth was required to fill in one of the holes.

William Freeman, a negro, aged 18 years, was brought to the jail in Petersburg Sunday night from Lunenburg county by Sheriff A. H. Shackleton to prevent a lynching. Freeman is charged with attempting to attack a little white girl, aged 8 years, daughter of a prominent citizen. The negro was in the employ of the little girl's father.

Judge John E. Mason died suddenly at his home in Fredericksburg yesterday afternoon, aged 56. He underwent an operation two months ago, but was thought to be getting well. He was a successful lawyer, former legislator and since 1890 had been a circuit judge. He married Miss Kate K. Henry, of Washington, daughter of Capt. J. L. Henry, U. S. A., who, with one daughter and one son, survives. Judge Mason was descended from a Virginia ancestry.

Col. Joseph Richard Wheatley, 90 years old, dropped dead yesterday afternoon at Emergency Hospital, in Washington, where he had gone for treatment. Col. Wheatley was born in 1820 near Louisville, Ky. He completed his education at the University of Virginia about 1842 and located in Louisville as an attorney. He saw service in the war with Mexico in 1847, and in the civil war, being an officer of the Confederacy. After the Mexican war he abandoned the law and contributed to the editorial columns of the Richmond Whig. When Lee surrendered at Col. Wheatley went to Washington.

CHARGED WITH POISONING BABY. Mrs. Adeline Robinson, aged 66, a prominent resident of Hollidaysburg, Blair county, Pa., was arrested at Johnstown late Saturday evening on a charge of administering chloroform to her daughter's infant child, and in making a confession to the police, implicated her husband, Samuel Robinson, and Dr. E. M. Duff, also of Hollidaysburg. Dr. Duff and Robinson were arrested.

While driving to the Pennsylvania depot the woman, according to her own confession and to the testimony of the cab driver, John Schultz, placed the baby in a telescope valise after administering the chloroform. She alighted with the telescope in her hands. Schultz informed the police and Mrs. Robinson was arrested before she could escape.

It was early last August that Robinson advertised for a family in Johnstown to care for their daughter. A seventh ward family answered the advertisement and soon afterward Dr. Duff and Mrs. Robinson came to Johnstown to see the family. The two returned to Hollidaysburg, and on August 25 Miss Fannie Robinson, who gave her name as Mrs. Frank Hughes, moved in. Last Wednesday evening a boy baby was born. Thursday morning Mrs. Robinson came to the city, bringing with her a new telescope. She then went home, but on Saturday returned.

The Baltimore city council last night by a unanimous vote passed an ordinance providing for the segregation of the races. The measure prohibits colored people from living in blocks where a majority of the residents are white. It also prohibits white people from living in blocks where the majority of the residents are colored.

When a cold becomes settled in the system, it will take several days' treatment to cure it, and the best remedy to use is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will cure quicker than any other, and also leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

Do the right thing if you have Nasal Catarrh. Get Ely's Cream Balm at once. Don't touch the catarrh powders and snuffs, for they contain cocaine. Ely's Cream Balm releases the secretions that inflame the nasal passages and the throat, whereas medicines made with mercury merely dry up the secretions and leave you no drier than you were. In a word, Ely's Cream Balm is a real remedy, not a delusion. All druggists, 20 cents, or mailed by Ely Bros., 96 Warren Street, New York.

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